

SECTION III—REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted together with a new divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/236,471.

In this Preliminary Amendment, the specification is amended to insert the required cross-reference and claim of priority to the parent application. Claims 1-24 are canceled because these claims were elected in response to a restriction in the parent application. Claims 25-27 are pending in this divisional application. Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and consideration of the application.

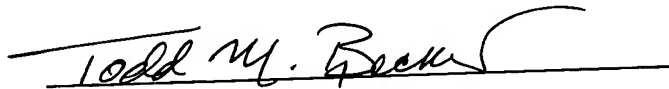
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